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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby submits a certified English translation of Japanese Patent Application 61-229252 filed on September 26, 1986, on which U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 97,190 filed September 17, 1987 (now U.S. patent No. 4,861,964) claims priority. The present application relates to application Serial No. 97,190 ('190) via a chain of co-pendency as presently recited in the specification of the present application.

Also submitted herewith is a substitute declaration and power of attorney properly claiming foreign priority benefits to Japanese patent application 61-229252 ('252) and domestic priority benefits to the previous related applications recited in the specification of the present application including the '190 application.

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In addition, filed concurrently herewith are amendments to each of the related abandoned applications to properly effect completion of the chain of co-pendency between the present application and the '190 application.

Consequently, as stated in the remarks section of Applicant's amendment to the present application filed March 3, 1995, it is believed that the present priority claimed to the '252 Japanese priority application eliminates U.S. Patent No. 4,786,358, filed August 7, 1987, as a reference in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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